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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO BOMBAY AND MADRAS
FROM CALCUTTA APRIL 4, 1977 REPEATED FOR YOU

QUOTE
CALCUTTA 0806

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, IN
SUBJ: RELEASE OF WEST BENGAL NAXALITES

1. IN RECENT DAYS CALCUTTA PAPERS HAVE REPORTED THAT, AS
A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE EMERGENCY, SOME NAXAL-
ITES HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED FROM JAILS IN WEST BENGAL
AND MANY MORE WILL BE SET FREE SOON.

2. AT DINNER EVENING APRIL 2, CALCUTTA POLICE COMMISSIONER
S. B. BASU CONFIRMED THESE PRESS REPORTS. BASU TOLD ME THAT
RELEASE OF NAXALITES HELD FOR MORE THAN A YEAR UNDER DE-
FENSE OF INDIA REGULATIONS WOULD BEGIN THIS WEEK. BASU SAID
THERE WERE ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED CALCUTTA NAXALITES IN THIS
CATEGORY AND OVER FOUR THOUSAND FOR ALL OF WEST BENGAL.
SOME, HE SAID, ARE PEACEFUL NAXALITES AND WILL ORGANIZE
OPENLY AND BECOME A PART OF THE ABOVE-GROUND LEFT POLITICAL
SCENE, BUT MOST STILL ADVOCATE VIOLENCE AND WILL ORGANIZE
CLANDESTINELY AND RESURO#TERRORISM AFTER A WHILE.BASU SAID
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HE DID NOT EXPECT THIS TO HAPPEN RIGHT AWAY, BUT WHEN THE
NAXALITES DID BEGIN KILLING PEOPLE AGAIN POLICE OFFICERS
WOULD BE THEIR FIRST TARGETS.

3. BASU SAID THAT SINCE THE ELECTIONS THERE HAS BEEN SOME
FIGHTING BETWEEN CONGRESS AND CPM GANGS, MAINLY OVER TERR-

ITORY, BUT NOTHING VERY SERIOUS HAS HAPPENED SO FAR. HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE EXPECTS A BUSY SUMMER. SIGNED KORN
UNQUOTE
SCHNEIDER

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